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WASHINGTON - STANFELD TURNER, FORMER CENTRAL INTEL-
DIRECTOR, DISCLOSED WEDNESDAY THAT DURING THE CARTER A
THE AGENCY SOUGHT WAYS TO OVERTHROW NOT ONLY IRAN'S AY
KHOMEINI, BUT LIBYA'S MUHAMMAR KHADAFY, CUBA'S FIDEL CA.
NICARAGUA'S SANDINISTA REGIME.

AS CIA DIRECTOR, ADMIRAL TURNER NEVER SENT SUCH A FLI
HOUSE - BUT THAT WAS BECAUSE HE FOUND 'NO WAY' FRAC
THOSE LEADERS.

"THERE IS NOTHING MORALLY WRONG WITH TRYING TO OVERTHROW A FOREIGN
GOVERNMENT BY COVERT MEANS," HE SAID. BUT HE OBJECTED TO CURRENT CIA
INVOLVEMENT IN NICARAGUA BECAUSE "WE'VE GIVEN THE IMPRESSION WE'RE
TRYING TO PUT A DICTATOR BACK IN."

"IF WE HAD A KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR," THAT WOULD BE DIFFERENT,
HE WENT ON. BUT IN SUPPORTING VETERANS OF THE DEFEATED SOMOZA
GOVERNMENT, "WE DON'T APPEAR TO BE BACKING AN ACCEPTABLE
ALTERNATIVE" TO THE SANDINISTAS.

TURNER EXPRESSED DISAPPROVAL OF A NEW, SECRET U.S. ARMY
INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION REPORTED IN WEDNESDAY'S PAPERS. "ONE OF
THE MAJOR INTELLIGENCE ISSUES THE COUNTRY FACES IS GETTING THE
PENTAGON TO UNDERSTAND IT CAN'T HAVE ALL INTELLIGENCE RESOURCES UNDER
ITS CONTROL," HE ADDED.

HE ALSO SAID THAT THE ARMY'S INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT ACTIVITY (ISA)
"DID NOT EXIST AS FAR AS I KNOW DURING MY TENURE." THIS APPEARED TO
CONTRADICT SOURCES WHO SAID THE UNIT WAS ESTABLISHED DURING THE
IRANIAN HOSTAGE CRISIS IN 1980, THE LAST YEAR OF THE CARTER
ADMINISTRATION.

BACKED BY A 31-YEAR NAVY CAREER BEFORE HIS FOUR YEARS AT CIA,
TURNER TOLD REPORTERS AT BREAKFAST THAT "THE MILITARY DOESN'T FIT
WELL INTO THE COVERT ACTIVITY ROLE IT IS NOT THE ORGANIZATION TO
DO HUMAN INTELLIGENCE."

THE ARMY'S ISA IS SAID TO BE ACTIVE IN EL SALVADOR AND IN SUPPORT
OF GUERRILLAS OPPOSING THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT. IN THE BEGINNING IT
REPORTEDLY OPERATED WITHOUT CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION AND WITHOUT
FORMAL AWARENESS BY EITHER THE CIA OR THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

IT IS ALREADY KNOWN FROM EARLIER REPORTS THAT THIS COUNTRY TRIED TO
FIND MEANS TO REPLACE AYATOLLAH KHOMEINI AS ONE WAY OF FREEING THE
CAPTIVES IN IRAN.

THUS HIS DISCLOSURE THAT UNDER HIM THE CIA EXPLORED WAYS TO OUST
HIM WAS NOT SURPRISING. BUT THE AGENCY HAS NOT PUBLICIZED ANY EFFORTS
DURING THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO DRAW CONTINGENCY PLANS TO GET RID
OF KHADAFY, CASTRO AND THE SANDINISTAS.